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SUBJ: CHOU EN-LAI'S SPEECH WELCOMING CONGO PRESIDENT

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1. CHOU EN-LAI'S SPEECH ON 28 JULY AT BANQUET WELCOMING CONGOLESE PRESIDENT N'GOUABI WAS REITERATION OF STANDARD CHINESE SUPPORT FOR POPULAR AFRICAN CAUSES -- ANTI-COLONIALISM, AFRICAN UNITY, INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, ETC. CHOU DID TAKE THE OCCASION TO TAKE A SWIPE AT ALLEGED U.S.-SOVIET COLLUSION CHARACTERIZING IT AS A "TEMPORARY COMPROMISE ... ENTERED INTO FOR SELFISH MOTIVES" AND A CASE OF "SAME BED, DIFFERENT DREAMS" WHICH WILL "NOT CHANGE THE NATURE OF EITHER OF THEM." THIS COULD HAVE BEEN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO NIXON-BREZHNEV AGREEMENT, REGARDING WHICH WE HAVE YET TO SEE ANY DIRECT PRC COMMENTARY. IN NEXT BREATH, CHOU TAKES OFF UNMISTAKABLY AGAINST SOVIET UNION, NOT MENTIONING IT BY NAME, AND ACCUSES IT OF "REACHING OUT ITS GRASPING HAND EVERYWHERE ... INCESSANTLY CARRYING OUT INTERFERENCE AND SUBVERSION ... AND "BRAZENLY TAKING PART IN THE DISMEMBERMENT OF SOVEREIGN STATES."

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2. CHOU ALSO PERSONALLY ENDORSED THE DECLARATION OF THE RECENTLY CONVENED CAMBODIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS AND ITS "RIGHTEOUS STAND ON A SETTLEMENT OF THE CAMBODIAN QUESTION." CHOU SAID THE U.S. "MUST IMMEDIATELY STOP ITS BOMBING AND ALL OTHER ACTS OF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CAMBODIA."

3. N'GOUABI MET WITH MAO ON 29 JULY AT CHUNG NAN HAI. USLO OFFICER SAW CAVALCADE OF BLACK RED FLAG LIMOUSINES HEADING DOWN CHIEN KUO MEN WAI AT 1130 AND RADIO PEKING ANNOUNCED THE MAO-N'GOUABI MEETING AS HAVING TAKEN PLACE THAT AFTERNOON. MAO'S PUBLIC STATEMENT AT THE MEETING WAS MORE GENERAL THAN CHOU'S, MENTIONING NO COUNTRY BY NAME AND CONFIED TO ANTI-IMPERIALIST THEME.
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